

**Statewide Information Security & Privacy Office  
Government Information Technology Agency  
Chief Information Security Officer - Job Description\***

The State of Arizona's Government Information Technology Agency (GITA), Office of the State CIO seeks a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to form and manage AZ government's first Statewide Information Security & Privacy Office (SISPO). The SISPO will be a strategic office responsible for policies, standards, procedures and oversight of security operations managed by State agencies. This position will report to the Director of GITA/State CIO.

Responsible to: develop Statewide Information Technology Security Strategic Plan and Program for the entire enterprise; determine the most critical areas to address; design and update information security and privacy policies and standards; provide interpretations of current policies related to specific situations as they arise; develop business cases for security initiatives; plan, execute and evaluate security programs; monitor security trends and legislation locally and nationally; recommend legislative changes; prepare cost and budget estimates; collaborate with other government and private sector CISOs locally and nationally on security related initiatives; build consensus among stakeholders; coordinate internal and external audits; oversee incident response planning and security breach investigations; serve as chief incident manager to whom incidents are reported; serve as incident management lead on critical incidents; supervise development of security awareness and training programs; provide ombudsman services for disputes; field complaints and media requests; keep State leadership apprised of security trends and SISPO activities.

The SISPO's six primary functions are Security and Privacy Program Development, Security Standards Oversight, Compliance Management, Security Analysis & Support, Incident Response and Security Training & Awareness. The CISO will manage all of these functions and guide the professional staff and consultants performing them.

The candidate must have at least 10 years of information technology experience including 5 years of management experience with solid background in SISPO's key functional areas and multi-agency or enterprise-wide administration expertise highly preferred. The candidate must have: the expertise to understand the State's technical and business environment; familiarity with national Security standards; experience with business continuity, disaster recovery, auditing, risk management, vulnerability assessments, contract/vendor negotiations, cyber-security and incident management. The candidate must have the proven ability to serve as an effective member of a senior management team; be an effective leader to a team of highly trained technical personnel and consultants; form, manage and lead advisory committees; and interact effectively with law enforcement agencies, risk and data managers, auditors, consultants and stakeholders.

The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication and presentation skills; the ability to communicate to State executive management and the legislature translating technical issues/solutions into business terms; plan and supervise needed resources and personnel; set and meet program goals; and adjust to changing priorities. The candidate's combination of education, experience and training must qualify him/her as an information security expert. Current security certifications, including CISSP or CISM are highly desired. The successful candidate must be able to pass a background check.

\* POSITION IS NOT COVERED UNDER THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM. AA/EEO/ADA EMPLOYER  
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